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White Bear Lake man pleads guilty to bank robbery

A 27-year-old White Bear Lake man pleaded guilty today in federal court to one count of bank robbery in connection with the Dec. 13, 2007, holdup of the Central Bank in Mahtomedi.

Brian Lee Lockhart entered his plea May 6 in St. Paul before United States District Court Judge Paul Magnuson. Lockhart was indicted on Jan. 14.

According to a Federal Bureau of Investigation affidavit, the bank, located at 3670 Century Ave. N., was robbed by a lone white male at approximately 4:15 p.m. The robber presented a teller with a note which read, "I want all the loose bills in the drawer." The robber fled on foot with \$1,136.

A few minutes following the robbery, a White Bear Lake Police officer spotted a male fitting the robber's description walking near the intersection of Wedgewood Road and Highway 244 in Mahtomedi. The officer ordered the man to stop, and recovered the \$1,136, along with a demand note written on the back of a Central Bank deposit slip. Lockhart was arrested.

Lockhart faces a potential maximum penalty of 20 years in prison. Judge Magnuson will determine Lockhart's sentence at a future date. This case is the result of an investigation by the White Bear Lake Police Department, the FBI and the Washington County Sheriff's Office, and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Ann Anaya.